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Title:

Stator Assembly With An Overmolding That Secures Magnets To

A Flux Ring And The Flux Ring To A Stator Housing

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German Patent Application DE 198 61 024 corresponds to United States Patent No. 6,191,516.

German Patent Application DE 101 03 434 corresponds to United States Patent No. 6,522,042 and International Publication No. WO 01/56134.

German Patent Specification DE 196 14 217 corresponds to United States Patents Nos. 6,058,594 and 5,942,827.

C. The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

IV. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

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